IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of sending a user message through a transmission network, comprising the steps of:

activating a request to set up a call channel;

placing a user message in a spare field of a signaling message for setting up the call channel, said signaling message including a parameter to indicate the presence of said spare field, the user message originating at a mobile terminal;

performing a signaling stage including sending said signaling message; and

terminating the set up of the call channel once the user message has been communicated without establishing a call, the terminating step being triggered by the communication of the user message.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein the user message is stored in a dedicated memory of a receiver of the user message.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 2, wherein the user is authorized to access the dedicated memory by means of commands.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein a dedicated memory is in a mobile telephone used as a modem, and the transmission network is a mobile telephone network.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein a dedicated memory is in an ISDN-type modem and an ISDN is used as the transmission network.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein the user message is limited to 35 eight-bit bytes at maximum.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein the user message is communicated in an enciphered form.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): A transceiver device, intended for use in transmitting a user message to a called party and for receiving a reply to the user message from the called party, said device comprising:

a dedicated memory;

one or more of the user message and the reply to the user message stored in the dedicated memory; and

a processor adapted to form a signaling message so as to include the user message in a spare field;

wherein the processor is adapted also to send the signaling message during a call set-up operation of a signaling stage.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): A device according to claim 8, wherein the capacity of the dedicated memory is no more than 35 bytes.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method of sending a user message through a transmission network, comprising the steps of:

activating a request to set up a call channel;

placing a user message in a spare field of a signaling message for setting up the call channel, said signaling message including a parameter to indicate the presence of said spare field, the user message originating at a mobile terminal;

performing a signaling stage comprising sending said signaling message; and

terminating the setting up of the call channel once a reply to the user message has been received without establishing a call, the terminating step being triggered by the receipt of the reply to the user message.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 10, wherein the reply to the user message is stored in a dedicated memory of a receiver of the user message.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 11, wherein a user is authorized to access the dedicated memory by means of commands.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 10, wherein:

a dedicated memory is in a mobile telephone used as a modem; and

the transmission network is a mobile telephone network.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 10, wherein ~~the~~ a dedicated memory is in an ISDN-type modem and an ISDN is used as the transmission network.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 10, wherein the user message is limited to 35 eight-bit bytes at maximum.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 10, wherein the user message is communicated in an enciphered form.